

B. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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- 1 1. (currently amended) A golf club head comprising:
2 a front wall including a rearwardly sloped front strike side and a rear
3 side, the rear side having an upper region and a lower region which are generally
4 coplanar with respect to each other;
5 a sole portion rearwardly extending from the lower region of the rear
6 side, the rear side and the sole portion defining a forwardly extending cavity and a non-
7 through sole portion recess, the recess downwardly extending into the sole portion and
8 interconnected with the cavity; and
9 a resilient insert assembly positioned in and substantially filling the
10 recess, the insert assembly coupled to at least one of the sole portion and the lower
11 region of the rear side, the upper region of the rear side being generally uncovered, the
12 insert assembly being fabricated of at least one material, the material having a
13 durometer of between 20 on a Shore A hardness scale and 75 on a Shore D hardness
14 scale.
- 1 2. (original) The golf club head of claim 1 wherein the at least one material
2 has a durometer of between 70 on a Shore A hardness scale and 60 on a Shore D
3 hardness scale.
- 1 3. (original) The golf club head of claim 1 wherein the insert assembly
2 includes at least first and second inserts.
- 1 4. (original) The golf club head of claim 3 wherein the first insert is
2 positioned substantially forward of the second insert within the recess.

1 5. (original) The golf club head of claim 3 wherein the first and second
2 inserts are made of first and second materials respectively and wherein the second
3 material has a durometer that is greater than the durometer of the first material.

1 6. (original) The golf club head of claim 5 wherein the first material has a
2 durometer of between 70 and 80 on a Shore A hardness scale and wherein the second
3 material has a durometer of between 50 and 60 on a Shore D hardness scale.

1 7. (original) The golf club head of claim 3, wherein the first insert includes
2 a first rear surface and the second insert includes a second front surface and wherein the
3 first rear surface engages the second front surface.

1 8. (original) The golf club head of claim 7 wherein the first rear surface of
2 the first insert has at least one rearwardly extending projection and defines at least one
3 forwardly extending indentation and wherein the second front surface of the second
4 insert has at least one corresponding forwardly extending projection and defines at least
5 one corresponding rearwardly extending indentation.

1 9. (original) The golf club head of claim 8 wherein the at least one
2 rearwardly extending projection and the at least one forwardly extending projections
3 each have an end shape selected from the group consisting of a squared end, a
4 triangular end, an arcuate end, a polygonal end, irregular end and combinations
5 thereof.

1 10. (original) The golf club head of claim 1 wherein the insert assembly is
2 affixed to at least one of the sole portion and the lower region of the rear side.

1 11. (original) The golf club head of claim 3 wherein the first and second
2 inserts are each formed of a material selected from the group consisting of a
3 thermoplastic, a thermoset material, an elastomer, a urethane, a polyurethane, a plastic
4 and combinations thereof.

1 12. (original) The golf club head of claim 1 wherein the insert assembly has
2 an exposed surface and wherein the insert assembly includes a cap covering at least a
3 portion of the exposed surface.

1 13. (currently amended) A golf club head comprising:
2 a front wall including a rearwardly sloped front strike side and a rear
3 side, the rear side having an upper region and a lower region which are generally
4 coplanar with respect to each other;
5 a sole portion rearwardly extending from a lower region of the rear side,
6 the sole portion having a lower surface that is substantially entirely continuous, the rear
7 side and the sole portion defining a forwardly extending cavity and a recess, the recess
8 interconnected with the cavity and downwardly extending into the sole portion;
9 a first insert; and
10 a second insert contacting the first insert, the first and second inserts
11 positioned only in, and collectively substantially filling, the recess, at least one of the
12 first and second inserts attached to at least one of the sole portion and the lower region
13 of the rear side, the first and second inserts made of first and second elastomeric
14 materials, respectively.

1 14. (original) The golf club head of claim 13 wherein the first insert has a
2 first rear surface, wherein the second insert has a second front surface, and wherein the
3 first rear surface matably engages the second front surface.

1 15. (original) The golf club head of claim 14 wherein the first rear surface
2 of the first insert has at least one rearwardly extending projection and defines at least
3 one forwardly extending indentation and wherein the second front surface of the second
4 insert has at least one forwardly extending projection and defines at least one
5 rearwardly extending indentation.

1 16. (original) The golf club head of claim 15 wherein the at least one
2 rearwardly extending projection and the at least one forwardly extending projections
3 each have an end shape selected from the group consisting of a squared end, a
4 triangular end, an arcuate end, a polygonal end, irregular end and combinations
5 thereof.

1 17. (original) The golf club head of claim 13 wherein the first and second
2 inserts are each formed of a material selected from the group consisting of a
3 thermoplastic, a thermoset material, an elastomer, a urethane, a polyurethane, a plastic
4 and combinations thereof.

1 18. (original) The golf club head of claim 13 wherein the insert assembly
2 has an exposed surface and wherein the insert assembly includes a cap covering at least
3 a portion of the exposed surface.

Claims 19 – 43 were previously cancelled without prejudice.

1 44. (currently amended) A golf club head comprising:
2 a front wall including a rearwardly sloped front strike side and a rear
3 side, the rear side having an upper region and a lower region which are generally
4 coplanar with respect to each other;
5 a sole portion rearwardly extending from the lower region of the rear
6 side, the sole portion including an upwardly extending rear wall, the rear side defining
7 a forwardly extending cavity, the lower region of the rear side, the rear wall of the sole
8 portion and the sole portion defining a non-through sole portion recess, the recess
9 interconnected with the cavity and being open only in an upward direction; and
10 a resilient insert assembly positioned in and substantially filling the
11 recess, the insert assembly coupled to at least one of the sole portion and the lower
12 region of the rear side, the upper region of the rear side being generally uncovered.

1 45. (original) The golf club head of claim 44 wherein the insert assembly is
2 fabricated of at least one material, and wherein the material has a durometer of between
3 20 on a Shore A hardness scale and 75 on a Shore D hardness scale.

1 46. (original) The golf club head of claim 45 wherein the at least one
2 material has a durometer of between 70 on a Shore A hardness scale and 60 on a Shore
3 D hardness scale.

1 47 (original) The golf club head of claim 45 wherein the insert assembly
2 includes first and second inserts, wherein the first and second inserts are made of first
3 and second materials respectively, and wherein the second material has a durometer that
4 is greater than the durometer of the first material.

1 48. (original) The golf club head of claim 47 wherein the first material has a
2 durometer of between 70 and 80 on a Shore A hardness scale and wherein the second
3 material has a durometer of between 50 and 60 on a Shore D hardness scale.

1 49. (original) The golf club head of claim 47 wherein the first and second
2 inserts are each formed of a material selected from the group consisting of a
3 thermoplastic, a thermoset material, an elastomer, a urethane, a polyurethane, a plastic
4 and combinations thereof.

1 50. (original) The golf club head of claim 19 wherein the insert assembly
2 has an exposed surface and wherein the insert assembly includes a cap covering at least
3 a portion of the exposed surface.
